

SENATE RESOLUTION 97

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A RESOLUTION to honor Megan Barry in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including Megan Barry, the first woman to be elected to serve as the mayor of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, while in office, she lost her only son, Max, to a drug overdose; since leaving office, she has worked to help those who struggle with substance use disorder and their loved ones by speaking up and speaking out; and

WHEREAS, she has shared her story in numerous podcasts and publications, including *Elle* magazine, Tokens podcast, *Nashville Edit*, and *archHIVE Nashville*, and has written a memoir, *It's What You Do Next*, which will be published in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Megan Barry received her Master of Business Administration degree from Vanderbilt University and has served as a corporate executive, an independent consultant focusing on business ethics and corporate responsibility, and as an adjunct professor during her professional career; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves on the board of Fund Recovery and the Women's Fund for the Community Foundation and is a former board member of the YWCA of Middle Tennessee and the Center for Non-Profit Management; and

WHEREAS, she has been an invited speaker for numerous organizations and events, including TedX Nashville, the International Women's Forum, Georgia Pacific, National Overdose Awareness Days, and many others; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Mrs. Barry during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Megan Barry on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.